

# *Charter*

2009

## **COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE**

### **A. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION.**

The official designation of this Federal advisory committee is the Committee for the Preservation of the White House.

### **B. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of the Committee is to report to the President of the United States and advise the Director of the National Park Service in regard to the maintenance of the White House as a public monument. The Committee makes recommendations concerning articles of furniture, fixtures, and decorative objects for the public rooms best suited to enhance the historic and artistic values of the White House.

### **C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph B above.

### **D. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. The Committee's membership, as set forth in Executive Order No. 11145, as amended, will be composed of:
  - a. the Director of the National Park Service;
  - b. the Curator of the White House;
  - c. the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution;
  - d. the Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts;
  - e. the Director of the National Gallery of Art;
  - f. the Chief Usher of the White House; and
  - g. so many other members as the President of the United States may from time to time appoint.
2. Members of the Committee will serve without compensation as such, but the members appointed by the President under paragraph D.1.g, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Committee, will be allowed travel and all other related expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 Title 5 of the United States Code.
3. The members appointed by the President under paragraph D.1.g. will serve at the discretion of the President.
4. Members of the Commission will be appointed as Special Government Employees unless otherwise determined by the President.

#### E. ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS.

All members will comply with applicable ethics rules and regulations. The Department of the Interior will provide materials to those members appointed as Special Government Employees, explaining their ethical obligations and with which the members should be familiar. Consistent with the ethics requirements, members will endeavor to avoid any actions that would cause the public to question the integrity of the Commission's operations, activities, or advice. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

#### F. ADMINISTRATION.

1. **CHARTER.** The Committee is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The Committee will take no action unless the charter filing requirements of sections 9 and 14(b) of FACA have been complied with. This charter is for the period September 30, 2009, through September 30, 2011.
2. **CHAIRMAN.** The Director of the National Park Service serves as Chairman of the Committee.
3. **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL.** The Committee reports to the President and advises the Director. The Director designates an employee of the National Park Service to act as Executive Secretary and Designated Federal Official (DFO). The DFO for purposes of Section 10 of FACA will oversee the management of the Committee.
4. **SUPPORT AND COSTS.** Support for the Committee is provided by the National Park Service. The estimated annual operating cost of the Commission is \$20,000, which includes the cost of 1/4 work-year of staff support.
5. **MEETINGS.** The Committee formally meets as deemed desirable by the President or by the Chairperson. All meetings of the Committee will be subject to the provisions of FACA.

#### G. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

In view of the goals and purposes of the Committee, it is expected to continue for the foreseeable future. However, the Committee will terminate on September 30, 2011, unless an Executive Order extending its life is issued, or it is terminated at a prior date by an appropriate Executive Order. All appointments will end upon the termination of the Committee.

#### H. AUTHORITY.

Establishment of the Committee is authorized by Executive Order No. 11145 (March 7, 1964), as amended, and Executive Order No. 13511 (September 29, 2009).

  
Secretary of the Interior  
OCT 27 2009

  
Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Charter Filed